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Governor James Lee Edwards Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Shawnee, OK 74801

Dear Mr. Edwards:

This letter responds to your letter of January 10, 2000, requesting National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) review and approval of the amendment to the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's (Tribe) gaming ordinance, adopted by Resolution No. AS-99-81. The amendment to the Tribe's gaming ordinance changes the number of Gaming Commissioners from one (1) to three (3), and adds a section stating that whenever the term "Commissioner" is used in the gaming code, it shall mean the Public Gaming Commission. This letter constitutes approval. It is important to note that the gaming ordinance is approved for gaming only on Indian lands, as defined in the IGRA, over which the Tribe exercises jurisdiction.

Thank you for submitting the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's amendment for review. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact our office at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely yours

Montie R. Deer Chairman

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. AS-99-81 ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 27, 1999

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, GAMING CODE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GAMING COMMISSIONERS FROM ONE (1) TO THREE (3), AND AMENDING TITLE I. - DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION, AND ENFORCEMENT, SECTIONS 101 THROUGH 111 AND ADDING SECTION 112.

- WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and
- WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and
- WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and
- WHEREAS, to better and more fairly allot gaming regulatory responsibilities for the oversight of Tribal Gaming under the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Gaming Code (the "AST Gaming Code"), and
- WHEREAS, it is believed in the best interest of the Tribe that the Commission composed of one (1) member be increased to a Commission of three (3) individuals; and
- WHEREAS, to accomplish the increase in the number of Commissioners it is necessary to amend the AST Gaming Code, TITLE I. <u>DEVELOPMENT</u>, <u>ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT</u>, Sections 101 through 111 and adding Section 112, as attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby adopts an amendment to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Gaming Code to increase the number of Gaming Commissioners from one (1) to three (3), and amending TITLE I. - DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION, AND ENFORCEMENT, Sections 101 through 111 and adding Section 112.

CERTIFICATION

We, James "Lee" Edwards, Governor and Russell B. Ellis, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-99-81 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held December 27, 1999, there being a quorum present, by vote of: 3 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Wilson: Yes, Secretary Ellis: Yes, Treasurer Pearce: No, Representative Little Axe: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

JAMES LEE" EDWARDS, Governor

RUSSELL B. ELLIS, Secretary